

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 21, 2006. Claims 1 to 8, 10 to 12 and 14 to 18 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 11, 17 and 18 are independent. Claims 9 and 13 have been canceled. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his continued indication that Claims 17 and 18 are allowed.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for his indication that dependent Claims 9 and 13 recite allowable subject matter. In keeping with this indication, independent Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the substance of Claims 9 and 13, respectively, and Claims 9 and 13 have been cancelled. It is therefore believed that all claims are allowable.

Claims 1 to 8, 11, 12, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,357,152 (Jennings) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,112,019 (Chamdani) and U.S. Patent No. 5,491,694 (Oliver). Claims 1 and 11 were also rejected under § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,138,615 (Lamport) in view of Chamdani, and under § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,359,649 (Rosu) in view of Chamdani. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of any of the foregoing rejections, but rather solely for the purpose of expediting issuance. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the foregoing rejections, for the reasons of record which are incorporated here by reference.

Turning to a formal matter, Applicant notes that the Interview Summary (Paper No. 20060317) accompanying the Office Action lists Michael O'Neill as a

participant in the telephonic interview conducted on March 16, 2006. However, Applicant's representative at the interview was John Magluyan (Reg. No.: 56,867), and not Michael O'Neill.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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